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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listing, of claims in the application. Claims 5-7 have been cancelled with prejudice or disclaimer.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Withdrawn)

2. (Withdrawn)

3. (Withdrawn)

4. (Withdrawn)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) Equipment for hot moulding of articles made of thermoplastic material, comprising:

a first half-mould and a second half-mould which are movable with respect to one another between an open position and a closed position and are provided with respective compression moulding surfaces designed to apply a moulding pressure on at least one plate of thermoplastic material, following upon movement from the open position to the closed position,

at least one injection-moulding seat in at least one of said half moulds, the injection-moulding seat communicating with the respective moulding surface,

at least one injection channel provided for injection plastic material inside said injection-moulding seat,

at least one narrow section between the injection-moulding seat and the respective moulding surface designed to reduce the pressure of the plastic material injected in the injection-moulding seat in contact with said plate.

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9. (New) Equipment according to Claim 8, wherein said at least one narrow section is provided at a location where the injection-moulding seat communicates with the respective compression molding surface.

10. (New) Equipment according to Claim 8, comprising a slider movable with respect to the respective half-mould, the slider having at least one injection moulding surface forming at least one wall of said injection-moulding seat.

11. (New) Equipment according to Claim 10, wherein said narrow section is provided between said slider and said half-mould.

12. (New) Equipment according to Claim 10, wherein the slider has a compression moulding surface forming a portion of the compression moulding surface of the respective half-mould.

13. (New) Equipment according to Claim 11, wherein said narrow section is provided at a location in which the compression moulding surface of the slider communicates with the injection moulding seat.